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TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT

REF: TUNIS 6182

1. AFTER MOST CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF YOUR MESSAGE REFTEL AND A NUMBER OF URGENT CALLS PLACED BY HABIB BOURGUIBA, JR., THE SECRETARY HAS REGRETFULLY DECIDED HE CANNOT MAKE EVEN A BRIEF STOPOVER IN TUNIS TO SEE PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA WHILE EN ROUTE FROM RABAT TO CAIRO. WE RECOGNIZE THE INTENSE DESIRE OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA TO HAVE SUCH A STOP AND THE REASONS WHICH MOTIVATED IT; NEVERTHELESS THE EXTREME TIGHTNESS OF THE SCHEDULE WILL NOT ALLOW FOR AN ADDITIONAL STOPOVER EVEN FOR A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

2. THE AMBASSADOR IS INSTRUCTED TO RELAY ORALLY TO WHOMEVER IS APPROPRIATE THE SECRETARY'S REGRET AND HIS EARNEST DESIRE TO HAVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM CONVEY COMPLETELY HIS VIEWS WITH RESPECT TO THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION TO PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA NEXT WEEK.

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3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY NEWSOM WILL HAVE BENEFIT SECRETARY'S OBSERVATIONS FOLLOWING LATTER'S VISIT CAIRO AND WILL BE PREPARED EXTEND TIME TUNIS IF NECESSARY IN ORDER HAVE FULL BENEFIT VIEWS PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER.

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